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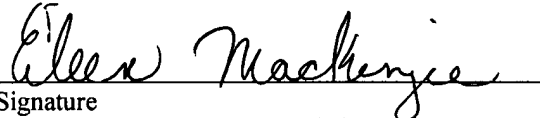
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David Black
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Filed: June 27, 2000
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VERIFYING STORAGE
ACCESS REQUESTS IN A COMPUTER STORAGE SYSTEM
WITH MULTIPLE STORAGE ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this amendment.